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1. The Educational Association of Freedom-Loving Hungarians in Vienna (Bécsi Szabad-
 szászorok Magyarok Önképző Egyesülete) is a Communist group with a membership of
 approximately seventy, fifty of whom are active. The Association was founded in
 the summer of 1945 as the "Hungarian Anti-Fascist Committee," attracting a membership
 of several hundred from the Hungarian colony in Vienna. In the autumn of 1945, a
 Communist minority within the group succeeded in changing the name of the organiza-
 tion to "Hungarian Language Group of the Austrian Communist Party." In October 1946
 the organization adopted its present name.

2. Many of the members of the Anti-Fascist Committee disagreed with the policies of the
 Language Group and withdrew their membership. Michel TIMKO, a tailor who had at one
 time been a leading figure in the Vienna Hungarian Workers' Association, was one of
 these. Franz VELEBIL, a prominent and active Hungarian Socialist in Austria, also
 withdrew. The following members became inactive but remained in the organization:

Johann IVANKOVICS	President of the Vienna Hungarian Workers' Association from 1940 to 1947.
Stefan LEWAY	Administrator of the Hungarian Red Cross in Vienna.
Gustav PETROVICH	Custodian of the Collegium Hungaricum.
Laszlo SZABO	Superintendent of the Collegium Hungaricum.

3. Laszlo CSOKONAY, Mor LENGTEL, and Dr. Arpad HAAS assumed important roles in the Language
 Group and its successor organization.

a) Laszlo CSOKONAY, a shoe manufacturer, has lived in Vienna since 1920. He and
 his family are active Communists, but he never participated in anti-Nazi activ-
 ities. During the Nazi period, he severed his connections with the Hungarian
 Workers' Association, in which he had held membership for many years. For this
 reason, he is now mistrusted by influential members of the Workers' Association.
 From April 1945 until November 1946, he was the director of the Hungarian Lang-
 uage Group of the Austrian Communist Party. Although he has no official

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position at present, he continues to direct the affairs of the Educational Association.

- b) **Mor LENGTEL** is the Secretary of the Educational Association. He studied pharmacy but became a journalist. He is interested in sociology and archaeology, is well-mannered, and has considerable influence in the cultural affairs of the Association.
- c) **Dr. Arpad HAAS**, who is well known as a member of the Central Committee of the KPOe, wields considerable influence in the activities of the Educational Association. He is Vice-President of the Central Union of Democratic Hungarian Associations in Vienna (Demokratikus Magyar Egyesületek Bécsi Központja) and is attempting to bring the Vienna Hungarian colony under Communist influence.
4. **Julius BOGLAR** is another influential Communist member of the Educational Association. He is primarily concerned with furthering the interests of the Communist Party among university students in Vienna. (He himself is a university student and plans to become a nuclear physicist.) BOGLAR, who is disliked and distrusted by Hungarian anti-Communist students, was an illegal Communist in Hungary during the early part of 1945.
5. Officials of the Educational Association have succeeded in winning over **Ladislav ARADVARY**, an instructor at the Collegium Hungaricum. Fearing that he would be recalled to Hungary, ARADVARY sought to utilize the influence of members of the Educational Association to prevent this move. At present, he is very active in the Collegium on behalf of the Communists. Although he claims to have no political interests and denies being a member of the Communist Party, ARADVARY has described as his goal the establishment of cooperation between the Communists and the Hungarian Workers' Association.
6. In October 1946, the Hungarian Language Group of the Austrian Communist Party became an affiliated member of the newly established Central Union of Democratic Hungarian Associations in Vienna (see below). Because the Austrian Ministry of Interior does not permit political and non-political groups to be united within the same organization, the Language Group changed its name to "Educational Association of Freedom-Loving Hungarians in Vienna." Communist members of the Language Group did not object to this arrangement, as they had been unsuccessful in attempts to organize the Hungarians in Vienna along political lines.
7. At present, the Communist-directed Educational Association is operating as a cultural and welfare organization. It sponsors parties and dances, provides lunches for needy children, and sends groups of children to camps for rest and recreation. The Association also plans to send packages from Hungary to members of the Hungarian colony in Vienna who suffered under the Nazi rule. The packages are to be forwarded by the Hungarian Partisan League, a Communist-dominated organization. The Communists have attempted to establish a hold on the young people by supervising sports and athletics.
8. The Educational Association at one time attempted to organize the Hungarian residents of the Burgenland (Soviet Zone of Austria) and for several months published a Hungarian-language newspaper advocating land reform.
9. Officials of the Educational Association have tried to intimidate and discredit non-Communist Hungarians by availing themselves of the facilities of Hungarian Communist newspapers sold in Vienna. During the past year a number of Hungarian Communist papers have published articles attacking **Dr. Julius MISKOLCZY**, President of the Central Union of the Democratic Hungarian Associations and General Director of the Collegium Hungaricum; **Dr. Bela DER**, until recently director of the Hungarian Academic Association in Vienna; and **Dr. Bela MADAY**, until recently director of the Hungarian Red Cross in Austria. **Gyorgy FRATER** of the Hungarian Legation in Vienna assisted the Communists in preventing non-Communists from obtaining passports, visas, and travel permits for Hungary. FRATER was killed in an automobile accident in Austria on 12 September 1947.)

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10. The Central Union of Democratic Hungarian Associations in Vienna was formed to enable various Hungarian groups better to represent their interests when dealing with Austrian and Hungarian authorities in Vienna. Dr. MISKOLCZY, the President, is a leader of the non-Communist faction within this organization. In addition to the Educational Association, the other affiliated groups are:

The Hungarian Workers' Association in Vienna
The Hungarian School Association in Vienna
Organization of Hungarians in Vienna
St. Stephan's Club
The Vienna Hungarian Academic Association
The Viennese-Hungarian Sports Club

The Educational Association is the only Communist group within the Central Union.

11. MISKOLCZY fears that he will be recalled to Hungary because of his continued refusal to cooperate with the Communist faction. He will probably not be re-elected this autumn. If this happens, the non-Communists in the Central Union will have failed in their attempt to neutralize Communist influence. This will probably result in a dissolution of the Central Union, since most of its constituent groups are not willing to work under Communist control. The Communist members plan to have Arpad HAAS replace MISKOLCZY in the Collegium Hungaricum and in the Central Union.

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